



### ***City of Miami Springs, Florida***

The Board of Parks and Parkways held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

#### **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

The following were present:

Chairman Eric Richey
Lynne V. Brooks
Tammy K. Johnston
Irene Priess
Lee Fisher

Also Present:

Board Secretary Elora R. Sakal
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#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

**Board member Priess moved to approve the minutes. Board member Johnston seconded the motion which was carried unanimously on voice vote.**

#### **3. New Business:**

- a) Discussion on Yard of the Month letter and procedures

Board member Brooks would like to add a section where they can write their name and contact number if they are not able to speak with the homeowner and have to leave the letter at the home.

The Board agreed to the revisions and new procedures for the Yard of the Month nomination letter.

- b) Yard of the Month - September - 220 Hunting Lodge Drive

**By consensus, the Board agreed to nominate 220 Hunting Lodge Drive as the September, 2015 yard of the month.**

c) Yard of the Month - October - 1001 Swan Avenue

**By consensus, the Board agreed to nominate 1001 Swan Avenue as the October, 2015 yard of the month.**

#### **4. Other Business:**

Balbina Castellanos of 1060 Wren Avenue expressed her concerns for the lack and loss of tree canopy in the City. She would like for the City to have a zero net loss of canopy and that the City budget is amended or adjusted to where there are enough funds to replace any tree that may need to be removed at some point. She provided photos to the Board (attached for the record) of different scenarios of trees in a five block radius of her home that have been removed in the City and there has been no replacement trees planted.

Ms. Castellanos understands that some trees are named as nuisance trees but her concern is that they are being removed with City funds, which are available, but she is uncertain if the funds are available to replace them. She stated that Public Works Director Nash has been very helpful in speaking with her and guiding her to the Board to speak on the issue.

Chair Richey explained that the Board is not supposed to comment or have discussion on topics that are not on the agenda. He feels that this should be placed as an item on the agenda and then the Board can discuss it and make an action on it if they chose to do so. Without the item being placed on the agenda, the public is not aware that the topic will be discussed and therefore they would not have the opportunity to speak on the issue. The Board will listen to what the residents have to say but they will not be able to discuss it to any extent of any action tonight.

Ms. Castellanos commented that she was advised to come to this Board by Public Works Director Nash to get more information and guidance as to what to do about the issue. She was planning on attending the next Council meeting as well to speak on the issue.

Board Secretary Sakal advised the residents that the Board of Parks and Parkways will not be meeting again until October 7<sup>th</sup> and the budget will already be in place. Since the residents have concerns regarding budgetary funds for trees and would like to address this issue before the budget is passed, she recommended that the residents attend the next City Council meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup> and speak on open forum.

Amber Riviere of 1011 Meadowlark Avenue commented that it is within the purview of the Board of Parks and Parkways to make recommendations to Council on things that are well within the scope. It would not be inappropriate to hear the comments from the individuals that are here to speak on this matter tonight for the Board to then in turn advise the Council on the Boards recommendation.

Chair Richey stated that Ms. Riviere is correct but without an item being on the agenda, no one with divergent views would be aware of the discussion and therefore they would not be allowed to comment on the item. This Board would intend itself to hear all positions before taking on an issue that they had not prepared to discuss or take a position on.

Ms. Riviere stated that there are unintended consequences within the existing policy. Within the 20 trees that can be removed, or the classification of trees that can be removed throughout the period of the fiscal year, there is a 20 month lag because they are supposed to be replaced within the calendar year. It seems as though there are funds available for the removal but not for the replacement. From a policy perspective, that unintended consequence could be closed to identify that if a tree is going to be removed there has to be in-kind funding to replace the tree.

Board member Brooks stated that she would like to do some research in regards to the removal and replacement process as well as funding.

Kim Werner of 1016 Meadowlark Avenue commented that they are all present because they were told that protocol would bring them to this Board first.

Rachel Neff of 801 Wren Avenue commented that a ficus tree was removed from her home approximately two years ago and has not been replaced. An oak tree and a gumbo limbo tree were also removed without her knowledge or consent and none have been replaced.

Chair Richey advised Ms. Neff to contact Public Works Director Nash to have the trees replaced.

Ms. Werner wanted to clarify for the record that Public Works Director Nash has gone above and beyond and has been very helpful to herself and Ms. Castellanos. She questioned what the limit was per household to have a black olive tree removed and whether it has to be in their property or if it can be down the block.

Chair Richey stated that some research needs to be done to answer her questions properly.

Miguel Gonzalez of 1060 Wren Avenue asked what recourse as residents of the City they have to say that they are not seeing the ordinance carried out correctly in regards to the black olive trees being removed and Chair Richey replied that a black olive tree is a nuisance tree and a person can asked to have it removed. There is also a special section in the ordinance for black olive trees.

Discussion ensued regarding black olive trees being a nuisance.

Chair Richey thanked the residents for coming to the meeting to express their concerns and if needed, it can be placed on their next agenda for further discussion.

## **5. Adjournment:**

There was no further business to be discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Elora R. Sakai

Board Secretary

Adopted by the Board on  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

  
Eric Richey, Chair

Words ~~stricken through~~ have been deleted. Underscored words represent changes. All other words remain unchanged.

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*"The comments, discussions, recommendations and proposed actions of City Citizen Advisory Boards do not constitute the policy, position, or prospective action of the City, which may only be established and authorized by an appropriate vote or other action of the City Council".*  
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CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS  
BOARD OF PARKS AND PARKWAYS  
201 WESTWARD DRIVE  
MIAMI SPRINGS, FL 33166  
TELEPHONE:  
305-805-5006  
FAX:  
305-805-5028



8/19/, 2015

Dear Homeowner:

We are pleased to advise you that your property located at 220 Hunting Lodge Dr. in Miami Springs has been chosen by the Board of Parks and Parkways as the City of Miami Springs Yard of the Month for the Month of September, 2015.

We will be placing a yard sign in the front yard of your property for one month. We would also like to present an award to you at the Monday, August 24, 2015 Council Meeting. The Council meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and takes place in the City Council chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall at 201 Westward Drive. Thank you for being a credit to our community!

Best Regards,

The Board of Parks and Parkways

I agree to have my yard designated as City of Miami Springs Yard of the Month for the month of September, 2015.

W. Sandy  
Signed-Property Owner

David & Marli  
Print Name

305-884-2288  
Phone Number

\*Please write the name that you would like to have written on the certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nos complace informarle que su propiedad ubicada en 220 Hunting Lodge Dr. en Miami Springs ha sido elegida por el "Board of Parks and Parkways" como el Patio del Mes de Miami Springs del mes de septiembre, 2015.

Publicaremos su patio en una próxima edición del River Cities Gazette y colocaremos un letrero en la parte delantera de su propiedad durante un mes. También nos gustaría presentarles un Certificado de Reconocimiento en la Sesión del Concejo el Lunes, 24 de agosto del 2015 a las 7:00 de la noche. Gracias por embellecer nuestra comunidad!

Saludos de,

El Board of Parks and Parkways

Estoy de acuerdo que mi patio sea designado como el Patio del Mes de Miami Springs por el mes de septiembre, 2015.

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Firma-Propietario

\_\_\_\_\_  
Imprima su Nombre

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Número de Telefono

\*Por favor escribe el nombre que le gustaría haber escrito en el certificado: \_\_\_\_\_

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9/16, 2015

Dear Homeowner:

We are pleased to advise you that your property located at 1001 Swan Avenue in Miami Springs has been chosen by the Board of Parks and Parkways as the City of Miami Springs Yard of the Month for the Month of October, 2015.

We will be placing a yard sign in the front yard of your property for one month. We would also like to present an award to you at the Monday, September 28, 2015 Council Meeting. The Council meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and takes place in the City Council chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall at 201 Westward Drive. Thank you for being a credit to our community!

Best Regards,

The Board of Parks and Parkways

I agree to have my yard designated as City of Miami Springs Yard of the Month for the month of October, 2015.

Joan M Dworak  
Signed-Property Owner

JOAN M DWORAK  
Print Name

305-772-8464  
Phone Number

\*Please write the name that you would like to have written on the certificate:\_\_\_\_\_

Walt & Joan Dworak  
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Nos complace informarle que su propiedad ubicada en 1001 Swan Avenue en Miami Springs ha sido elegida por el "Board of Parks and Parkways" como el Patio del Mes de Miami Springs del mes de octubre, 2015.

Publicaremos su patio en una próxima edición del River Cities Gazette y colocaremos un letrero en la parte delantera de su propiedad durante un mes. También nos gustaría presentarles un Certificado de Reconocimiento en la Sesión del Concejo el Lunes, 28 de septiembre del 2015 a las 7:00 de la noche. Gracias por embellecer nuestra comunidad!

Saludos de,

El Board of Parks and Parkways

Estoy de acuerdo que mi patio sea designado como el Patio del Mes de Miami Springs por el mes de octubre, 2015.

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Firma-Propietario

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Imprima su Nombre

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Número de Telefono

\*Por favor escribe el nombre que le gustaría haber escrito en el certificado:\_\_\_\_\_



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